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Queen of Song and Souls C. L. Wilson 2010-07-20 "A brilliant, sensual must read." –Christine Feehan The incomparable C.L. Wilson brings her phenomenal Tairen Soul novels to Avon Books! Queen of Song and Souls is the fourth book in the epic romantic adventure that combines sweeping fantasy with breathtaking paranormal romance. USA Today and New York Times bestseller C. L. Wilson returns to the Fading Lands, as the outcast lovers, Rain the Fey King and Ellysetta, his true mate, must defeat the gathering forces of darkness through a power forbidden in their doomed world...and the awesome strength of their love.

*The Pearl Sister* Lucinda Riley 2018-01-23 From the breathtaking beaches of Thailand to the barely tamed wilds of colonial Australia, *The Pearl Sister* is the fourth "brilliantly written" (Historical Novel Society) novel in New York Times bestselling author Lucinda Riley's epic Seven Sisters series. "Fans of Kristin Hannah, Kate Morton, and Riley's previous novels will adore" (Booklist) this adventurous and moving story about two women searching for a place to call home. CeCe D'Aplièse has always felt like an outcast. But following the death of her father—the reclusive billionaire affectionately called Pa Salt by the six daughters he adopted from around the globe—she finds herself more alone than ever. With nothing left to lose, CeCe delves into the mystery of her origins. The only clues she holds are a black and white photograph and the name of a female pioneer who once lived in Australia. One hundred years earlier, Kitty McBride, a Scottish clergyman's daughter, abandons her conservative upbringing to serve as the companion to a wealthy woman traveling from Edinburgh to Adelaide. Her ticket to a new land brings the adventure she dreamed of and a love that she had never imagined. When CeCe herself finally reaches the searing heat and dusty plains of the Red Centre of Australia, something deep within her responds to the energy of the area and the ancient culture of the Aboriginal people. As she comes closer to finding the truth of her ancestry, CeCe begins to believe that this untamed, vast continent could offer her what she never thought possible: a sense of belonging, and a home. With Lucinda Riley's signature "meticulous research and attention to detail" (Booklist), *The Pearl Sister* is an immersive saga that "will keep readers glued to the page" (RT Book Reviews).

*Reclaiming Our Health* Michelle A. Gourdine 2011-04-26 "An interactive and empowering book" to help African American men and women create a new vision of better health and navigate the health care system (BET.com). According to the

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federal Office of Minority Health, African Americans “are affected by serious diseases and health conditions at far greater rates than other Americans.” In fact, African Americans suffer an estimated 85,000 excess deaths every year from diseases we know how to prevent: heart disease, stroke, cancer, high blood pressure, and diabetes. In this important and accessible book, Dr. Michelle Gourdine provides African Americans with the knowledge and guidance they need to take charge of their wellbeing. Reclaiming Our Health begins with an overview of the primary health concerns facing African Americans and explains who is at greatest risk of illness. Expanding on her career and life experiences as an African American physician, Dr. Gourdine presents key insights into the ways African American culture shapes health choices—how beliefs, traditions, and values can influence eating choices, exercise habits, and even the decision to seek medical attention. She translates extensive research into practical information and presents readers with concrete steps for achieving a healthier lifestyle, as well as strategies for navigating the health-care system. This interactive guide with illustrations is a vital resource for every African American on how to live a healthier and more empowered life, and an indispensable handbook for health-care providers, policy makers, and others working to close the health gap among people of color. Says Gourdine, “I wrote this book to empower our community to solve our own health problems and save our own lives.”

The Sun Sister Lucinda Riley 2020-05-19 An epic and transporting novel, the latest installment of the “heart-wrenching, uplifting, and utterly enthralling” (Lucy Foley, author of *The Guest List*) Seven Sisters series, unravelling between the dazzling streets of modern-day New York City and the breathtaking plains of 1940s colonial Kenya. Electra d’Aplièse is a top model who seems to have it all: beauty, fame, and wealth. But beneath the glittery veneer, she’s cracking under all the pressure. When her father dies, she turns to alcohol and drugs to ease the pain. As friends and colleagues fear for her health, Electra receives a shocking letter from a stranger who claims to be her grandmother. In 1939, New Yorker Cecily Huntley-Morgan arrives in Kenya’s Lake Naivasha region for the exciting chance to stay with her godmother, the famous socialite Kiki Preston. But after a sheltered upbringing, she’s astounded by the hedonistic antics of the other ex-pats in the infamous Happy Valley set. Cecily soon grows to love her stunning but complicated new home, and she even accepts a proposal of marriage from an enigmatic older cattle farmer. After a shocking discovery and with war looming, Cecily feels isolated and alone. Until she meets a young woman in the woods and makes her a promise that will change the course of her life forever. Featuring Lucinda Riley’s “engaging and mesmerizing” (Library Journal, starred review) storytelling and filled with unforgettable and moving characters, *The Sun Sister* explores how love can cross seemingly impossible boundaries.

*The Sun Sister* Lucinda Riley 2020-07 Moving from the frenetic atmosphere of Manhattan to the magnificent wide-open plains of Africa, *The Sun Sister* is the sixth instalment in Lucinda Riley's multi-million selling epic series, *The Seven Sisters*.

Edens Zero 4 Hiro Mashima 2019-09-10 A young boy gazes up at the sky and sees a streaming bolt of light. The friendly, armor-clad being at his side tells him gently, “That’s a dragon.” The fact that he’s joking isn’t important. What’s important is the look of wonder on the boy’s face... and the galaxy-spanning adventure that’s about to take place! Join Hiro Mashima (Fairy Tail, Rave Master) once more as he takes to the stars for another thrilling saga!

Crooked Tree Ranch RJ Scott 2013-12-13 When the cowboy meets the guy from the city, he knows everything will have to change. On the spur of the moment, with his life collapsing around him, Jay Sullivan answers an ad for a business manager with expertise in marketing, on a dude ranch in Montana. With his sister, Ashley, niece, Kirsten, and nephew, Josh, in tow, he moves lock stock and barrels from New York to Montana to start a new life on Crooked Tree Ranch. Foreman and part-owner of the ranch, former-rodeo star Nathaniel 'Nate' Todd has been running the dude ranch, for five years ever since his mentor Marcus Allen became ill. His brothers convince him that he needs to get an expert in to help the business grow. He knows things have to change, but when the new guy turns up, with a troubled family in tow - he just isn't prepared for how much.

**To Train Up a Child** Michael Pearl 1994-12-01 In 1994 Michael and Debi Pearl published *To Train Up a Child*. The book has sold over 625,000 copies, becoming "the handbook on child training" for many families. The Pearls received so many child training questions in the mail that they began publishing a free bimonthly magazine to answer them--*No Greater Joy*. As the subscriptions grew into the tens of thousands, subscribers kept asking for back issues, thus the publication of *No Greater Joy* Volume One, Volume Two and Volume Three--each book representing about two years of articles from back issues of the magazine. If you have read *To Train Up a Child* and you have questions, chances are you will find the answers in *No Greater Joy* Volume One, Volume Two, or Volume Three.

**Cinder** Marissa Meyer 2013-01-08 As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.

*The Missing Sister* Lucinda Riley 2022-03-17 Taking in the vineyards of New Zealand and the majestic landscape of Ireland, *The Story of the Missing Sister* is the seventh instalment in Lucinda Riley's multimillion-selling epic series *The Seven Sisters*.

**The Radiant Way** Margaret Drabble 1988 This novel goes back through the lives of three women, a psychoanalyst, an art historian and a good woman who all met at Cambridge in the 1950s.

*The Shadow Sister* Lucinda Riley 2017 "Star D'Apliaese is at a crossroads in her life after the sudden death of her beloved father--the elusive billionaire, affectionately called Pa Salt by his six daughters, all adopted from across the four corners of the world. He has left each of them a clue to her true heritage, and Star nervously decides to follow hers, which leads her to an antiquarian bookshop in London, and the start of a whole new world. A hundred years earlier, headstrong and independent Flora MacNichol vows she will never marry. She is happy and secure in her home in England's picturesque Lake District--just a stone's throw away from the residence of her childhood idol, Beatrix Potter--when machinations lead her to London, and the home of one of Edwardian society's most notorious society hostesses, Alice Keppel"--Amazon.com.

Whitehorse Peak P. G. Badzey 2014-01-31 On the borderlands of the Kingdom of Deran, a young forest scout named Dar Cabot fights off an attack by goblin warriors and finds the ruins of a village, its homes burned and people slain.

Eager for justice for the townsfolk, he enlists the help of an unlikely combination of allies: a halfling spy with a hidden past, the adopted son of a famous wizard, two half-elven sisters from an enemy land, a widowed priestess of the Elven god and a seemingly laid-back warrior with secrets of his own. Together the new-found companions battle against the shadowy cult of the Ja'al and its inhuman allies in the dark caverns and green woodlands of the frontier. Their search leads them on a journey to powerful magic, long-lost ruins, and chilling discoveries of evils from a bygone age. Dogged by an ancient prophecy that seems to call them out by name, the companions find friendship, romance, intrigue, and startling revelations as they race against time to thwart the Ja'al plans and solve the mystery of Whitehorse Peak.

**Drawn to Enchant** Timothy Garrett Young 2007-01-01 This volume presents over 200 selected original artworks from the collection of Betsy Beinecke Shirley, one of the great collectors of American children's literature. Shirley gathered an authoritative collection of books, original illustrations, manuscripts, as well as drawings and paintings from such children's classics as "'Treasure Island'" and "'Eloise.'" The artwork in Shirley's collection guides the reader on a tour through the stages of childhood reading, this volume begins with ABC's and nursery books. It continues through adventure stories, magazines, and more, then concludes with a miscellany section of odds and ends. The images demonstrate how children's books evolved, from the nation's first days of independence to modern times. Artists whose works are represented include many of the favorites, among them Ludwig Bemelmans, Maurice Sendak, A.B. Frost, Wanda Gag, Peter Newell, N.C. Wyeth, Tony Sarg, Robert Lawson, and Johnny Gruelle.

Irish Furniture Desmond FitzGerald Glin (Knight of) 2007-01-01 This lavishly illustrated and comprehensive volume is the first devoted entirely to the subject of Irish furniture and woodwork. It provides a detailed survey-encompassing everything from medieval choir stalls to magnificent drawing-room suites for the great houses—from earliest times to the end of the eighteenth century. The first part of the book presents a chronological history, illustrated with superb examples of Irish furniture and interior carving. In a lively text, the Knight of Glin and James Peill consider a broad range of topics, including a discussion of the influence of Irish craftsmen in the colonies of America. The second part of the book is a fascinating pictorial catalogue of different types of surviving furniture, including chairs, stools, baroque sideboards, elegant tea and games tables, bookcases, and mirrors. The book also features an index of Irish furniture-makers and craftsmen of the eighteenth century, compiled from Dublin newspaper advertisements and other contemporary sources.

*The Pearl Sister* Lucinda Riley 2017-11-02 CeCe D'Aplièse has never felt she fitted in anywhere. Following the death of her father, the elusive billionaire Pa Salt - so-called by the six daughters he adopted from around the globe and named after the Seven Sisters star cluster - she finds herself at breaking point. Dropping out of art college, CeCe watches as Star, her beloved sister, distances herself to follow her new love, leaving her completely alone. In desperation, she decides to flee England and discover her past; the only clues she has are a black-and-white photograph and the name of a woman pioneer who lived in Australia over one hundred years ago. En-route to Sydney, CeCe heads to the one place she has ever felt close to being herself: the stunning beaches of Krabi, Thailand. There amongst the backpackers, she meets the mysterious Ace, a man as lonely as she is and whom she subsequently realizes, has a secret

to hide...A hundred years earlier, Kitty McBride, daughter of an Edinburgh clergyman, is given the opportunity to travel to Australia as the companion of the wealthy Mrs McCrombie. In Adelaide, her fate becomes entwined with Mrs McCrombie's family, including the identical, yet very different, twin brothers: impetuous Drummond, and ambitious Andrew, the heir to a pearling fortune. When CeCe finally reaches the searing heat and dusty plains of the Red Centre of Australia, she begins the search for her past. As something deep within her responds to the energy of the area and the ancient culture of the Aboriginal people, her creativity reawakens once more. With help from those she meets on her journey, CeCe begins to believe that this wild, vast continent could offer her something she never thought possible: a sense of belonging, and a home...

**Garfield** Jim Davis 2014-07-02 The good times continue to roll in this next collection of Garfield comic book stories! In this round, we see how the gang beats the heat, learn if Jon can finally stop being late, and if Nermal can set a world record! Also, Pet Force stops by!

The Ring of Five Dragons Eric Lustbader 2002-07-14 After suffering for a century under the oppressive, technologically superior V'omn invaders, the Kundalan people have lost faith as their religion falls under control of evil forces, until the coming of Dar Sala-at, a hero foretold by prophecy, who can wield the sorcerous power of the lost Ring of Five Dragons to save his people. Reprint.

*Atlas: the Story of Pa Salt* Lucinda Riley 2022-10-27 From the Sunday Times number one bestselling author Lucinda Riley, *Atlas: The Story of Pa Salt* draws the multimillion-copy epic series *The Seven Sisters* to an unforgettable conclusion. \*Publishing Autumn 2022\* \*\*\* Praise for *The Seven Sisters* series: 'The *Seven Sisters* series is heart-wrenching, uplifting and utterly enthralling' - Lucy Foley 'Well researched and compelling ... on an epic scale' - Sunday Express 'There's something magical about these stories' - Prima 'Addictive storytelling' - Woman & Home 'A masterclass in beautiful writing' - Sun

**Ourselves** Charlotte M. Mason 1921

*The Pearl* Anonymous 1996 Among the first "Journals of Voluptuous Reading" to be spawned by the Victorians, this novel shows them as vastly different from their public image--beneath the facade of respectability and sexual repression there existed the strongest urge for sexual experimentation and enjoyment. First published in London in July 1879, it provided unrestrained erotica for every taste.

**Amethyst** Lauraine Snelling 2005-11-01 *Amethyst* Colleen O'Shaunassy travels west to find her father's heir. But when she discovers Joel in Dakota Territory, she uncovers shocking news. How will she tell her overbearing father? And how will he react when he learns she's not coming home? Major Jeremiah McHenry has retired from the army and returns to Dakota Territory to make a new life. *Amethyst* is touched by his kind and gentlemanly manner, and soon he's captured her heart. But does he see her as merely a servant rather than a prospective bride? Jacob Chandler is counting the days until he is able to court Opal Torvald. Can he prove to her that she will make a fine preacher's wife? Will *Amethyst* choose to leave the western frontier if the major does not return her love? A Christianbook.com Pick of the Week

**Not Quite an Angel** Lucinda Edmonds 1996

**These Violent Delights** Chloe Gong 2020-11-17 An Instant New York Times Bestseller! A BuzzFeed Best Young Adult Book of 2020 Perfect for fans of *The Last Magician* and *Serpent & Dove*, this heart-stopping debut is an imaginative Romeo and Juliet retelling set in 1920s Shanghai, with rival gangs and a monster in the depths of the Huangpu River. The year is 1926, and Shanghai hums to the tune of debauchery. A blood feud between two gangs runs the streets red, leaving the city helpless in the grip of chaos. At the heart of it all is eighteen-year-old Juliette Cai, a former flapper who has returned to assume her role as the proud heir of the Scarlet Gang—a network of criminals far above the law. Their only rivals in power are the White Flowers, who have fought the Scarlets for generations. And behind every move is their heir, Roma Montagov, Juliette's first love...and first betrayal. But when gangsters on both sides show signs of instability culminating in clawing their own throats out, the people start to whisper. Of a contagion, a madness. Of a monster in the shadows. As the deaths stack up, Juliette and Roma must set their guns—and grudges—aside and work together, for if they can't stop this mayhem, then there will be no city left for either to rule.

**Leighann Dobbs Cozy Mystery Collection** Leighann Dobbs 2015-10-16 USA Today bestselling author Leighann Dobbs has compiled four full length mysteries from her top selling series into one book! From the culinary capers of Lexy Baker and her posse of amateur sleuth grandma's to the ghosts and mystical cats of *Mystic Notch* to the four magical Blackmoore sisters of Noquitt Maine to the traditional mysteries of retired police consultants Claire Watkins and Dominic Benedetti on Mooseamuck Island. You're sure to fall in love with the charming characters and puzzling mysteries in these books. *Ghostly Paws* When bookstore owner Willa Chance finds herself haunted by the tenacious ghost of the town librarian who insists she solved her murder, she gets help from a quirky cast of small-town characters and a cat she's inherited from her grandmother. *Bake, Battle & Roll* When Lexy Baker temporarily fills in for the pastry chef at a lakeside resort it seems like a great way to combine business and pleasure ... until the head chef ends up with a knife through his chest and Lexy is found bending over the body. *A Zen For Murder* When local psychic Zoila Rivers is found dead at the zen garden, retired police consultants Dominic Benedetti and Claire Watkins are forced to team up to catch the killer. *Too bad* Claire and Dom don't always see eye to eye. *Dead & Buried* Summers in the seaside town of Noquitt Maine are quiet and relaxing ... unless you find a mysterious dead body, a hunky ex-boyfriend shows up and you start getting instructions from ghostly relatives.

**The Storm Sister** Lucinda Riley 2016-04-21 Ally D'Apliese is about to compete in one of the world's most perilous yacht races, when she hears the news of her adoptive father's sudden, mysterious death. Rushing back to meet her five sisters at their family home, she discovers that her father - an elusive billionaire affectionately known to his daughters as Pa Salt - has left each of them a tantalising clue to their true heritage

*Patronage* Maria Edgeworth 1814 Edgeworth's novel portrays the British class system and the different ways in which men and women make their way in the world. It is not only a comedy of manners but also a meditation on the concept of "patronage", both financial and sexual. The plot revolves around two families--the Percys and the Falconers--whose fortunes mirror and contrast each other. The Falconers accept patronage from Lord Oldborough but by the end of

the book it is the Percys who are perceived as possessing the greater moral worth and wealth by the success of their own efforts.

**The Journey to the West, Revised Edition** Cheng'en Wu 2012-12-17 The story of Xuanzang, the monk who went from China to India in quest of Buddhist scriptures.

**The Russian Concubine** Kate Furnivall 2007-06-27 A sweeping novel set in war-torn 1928 China, with a star-crossed love story at its center. In a city full of thieves and Communists, danger and death, spirited young Lydia Ivanova has lived a hard life. Always looking over her shoulder, the sixteen-year-old must steal to feed herself and her mother, Valentina, who numbered among the Russian elite until Bolsheviki murdered most of them, including her husband. As exiles, Lydia and Valentina have learned to survive in a foreign land. Often, Lydia steals away to meet with the handsome young freedom fighter Chang An Lo. But they face danger: Chiang Kai Shek's troops are headed toward Junchow to kill Reds like Chang, who has in his possession the jewels of a tsarina, meant as a gift for the despot's wife. The young pair's all-consuming love can only bring shame and peril upon them, from both sides. Those in power will do anything to quell it. But Lydia and Chang are powerless to end it.

*The Moon Sister* Lucinda Riley 2020-03-17 Experience the grandeur of the remote Scottish Highlands and Madrid in this USA TODAY bestselling "beautifully written...magical adventure" (Woman's World) following two women connected across time and distance as they search for the truth of their place in the world. Tiggy D'Apliese spends her days reveling in the raw beauty of the Scottish Highlands, where she works at a deer sanctuary. But when the sanctuary is forced to close, she decides to take a job as a wildlife consultant on the vast estate of the elusive and troubled Charlie Kinnaird. She has no idea that the move will not only irrevocably alter her future, but also bring her face-to-face with her past. At the estate, she meets Chilly, an elderly Romani man who fled from Spain seventy years earlier. He tells her that not only does she possess a sixth sense passed down from her ancestors, but it was foretold long ago that he would be the one to send her back home. Back in 1912, in the poor Romani community outside the city walls of Granada, Lucía Amaya-Albaycin is born. At the tender age of ten, Lucía is whisked away by her ambitious father to dance in the flamenco bars of Barcelona. And while Lucía perfects her skills—eventually becoming the greatest flamenco dancer of her generation—tensions in Spain boil over into civil war, forcing Lucía and her troupe of dancers to flee for their lives. As they travel in search of a safe haven, Lucía's long-held dream of going to New York may be in grasp. But to pursue it, she must choose between her love for her career and the man she adores. "A breathtaking adventure brimming with cruelty, tragedy, passion, [and] obsession" (Lancashire Evening Post, UK), *The Moon Sister* follows these two women on their journey to discover their true destinies—but at the risk of potentially losing the men they had hoped to build futures with.

Nashville - Part One - Ready to Reach Ingath Cooper 2013-05-21 Nineteen-year old CeCe Mackenzie leaves Virginia for Nashville with not much more to her name than a guitar, a Walker Hound named Hank Junior and an old car she'd inherited from her grandma called Gertrude. But Gertrude ends up on the side of I-40 in flames, and Nashville has never seemed farther away. Help arrives in the form of two Georgia football players headed for the Nashville dream as well. When Holden Ashford and Thomas Franklin stop to offer CeCe and Hank Junior a ride, fate may just give a nod to serendipity and meant to be.

Passenger on the Pearl Winifred Conkling 2015-01-13 The page-turning, heart-wrenching true story of one young woman willing to risk her safety and even her life for a chance at freedom in the largest slave escape attempt in American history. In 1848, thirteen-year-old Emily Edmonson, five of her siblings, and seventy other enslaved people boarded the Pearl under cover of night in Washington, D.C., hoping to sail north to freedom. Within a day, the schooner was captured, and the Edmonsons were sent to New Orleans to be sold into even crueller conditions. *Passenger on the Pearl* is the story of this thwarted escape, of the ramifications of its attempt, and of a family for whom freedom was the ultimate goal. Through an engaging narrative, informative sidebars, and more than fifty period photographs and illustrations, Winifred Conkling takes readers on Emily Edmonson's journey from enslaved person to teacher at a school for African American young women. Conkling illuminates a turbulent time in American history, showing the daily lives of enslaved people, the often-changing laws affecting them, the high cost of a failed escape, and the stories of slave traders and abolitionists.

**Bill and the Dream Angel** Lucinda Riley 2022-05-12 *Bill and the Dream Angel*, created by bestselling author Lucinda Riley and her son Harry Whittaker, is a reassuring story about moving house and overcoming fears, part of the enchanting Guardian Angels series. Because somewhere, an angel is listening . . . Bill and his family have just moved house. But even though Bill's room is much bigger than before, and he has a garden to play in, Bill misses his old, familiar home. This new house makes mysterious noises, especially at night. But luckily, Bill has someone watching over him. Will Destiny, the Dream Angel, be able to show Bill that sometimes, the things we don't understand at first turn out to be the most magical discoveries of all? A beautiful gift-edition hardback, complete with an angel ribbon marker.

**Babylon Sisters** Pearl Cleage 2005-03-29 Catherine Sanderson seems to have it all: a fulfilling career helping immigrant women find jobs, a lovely home, and a beautiful, intelligent daughter on her way to Smith College. What Catherine doesn't have: a father for her child- and she's spent many years dodging her daughter's questions about it. Now Phoebe is old enough to start poking around on her own. It doesn't help matters that the mystery man, B.J. Johnson-the only man Catherine has ever loved-doesn't even know about Phoebe. He's been living in Africa. Now B.J., a renowned newspaper correspondent, is back in town and needs Catherine's help cracking a story about a female slavery ring operating right on the streets of Atlanta. Catherine is eager to help B.J., despite her heart's uncertainty over meeting him again after so long, and confessing the truth to him-and their daughter. Meanwhile, Catherine's hands are more than full since she's taken on a new client. Atlanta's legendary Miss Mandeville-a housekeeper turned tycoon-is eager to have Catherine staff her housekeeping business. But why are the steely Miss Mandeville and her all-too-slick sidekick Sam so interested in Catherine's connection to B.J.? What transpires is an explosive story that takes her world-not to mention the entire city of Atlanta-by storm. From the New York Times bestselling author of *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day* . . . comes another fast-paced and emotionally resonant novel, by turns warm and funny, serious and raw. Pearl Cleage's ability to create a gripping story centered on strong, spirited black women and the important issues they face remains unrivaled.

**The Story of the Stone: The Debt of Tears (Volume IV)** Cao Xueqin 2012-08-30 *The Story of the Stone* (c. 1760), also known by the title of *The Dream of the Red Chamber*, is the great novel of manners in Chinese literature. Divided into five

volumes, of which *The Debt of Tears* is the fourth, it charts the glory and decline of the illustrious Jia family (a story which closely accords with the fortunes of the author's own family). The two main characters, Bao-yu and Dai-yu, are set against a rich tapestry of humour, realistic detail and delicate poetry, which accurately reflects the ritualized hurly-burly of Chinese family life. But over and above the novel hangs the constant reminder that there is another plane of existence - a theme which affirms the Buddhist belief in a supernatural scheme of things.

**The Seven Sisters** Lucinda Riley 2015-05-05 Gathering at their Lake Geneva estate when their adoptive father passes away, six sisters receive tantalizing clues about their true heritage, prompting Maia to journey to Rio de Janeiro to learn the story of her parents' forbidden love. By the best-selling author of *The Orchid House*.

**The Shadow Sister** Lucinda Riley 2017-04-18 "Riley's engaging and mesmerizing story of self-discovery and love...can be perfectly read as a stand-alone. This book will appeal to readers of Edwardian novels and Jane Austen-style fiction." -Library Journal (starred review) "[Lucinda Riley] is a master of plotting...This substantial book is a surprisingly quick and easy read, with engaging characters, a tantalizing glimpse of Edwardian society, and dual storylines that are inventive and intriguing." -Historical Novel Society In this spellbinding novel, two independent women-separated by a hundred years but linked by forces larger than themselves-discover the secrets of their birth in the spellbinding third book of an epic series by New York Times bestselling author Lucinda Riley Star D'Aplièse is at a crossroads in her life after the sudden death of her beloved father-the elusive billionaire, affectionately called Pa Salt by his six daughters, all adopted from across the four corners of the world. He has left each of them a clue to their true heritage, and Star's clue leads her to an antiquarian bookshop in London, and the start of a new journey. A hundred years earlier, headstrong and independent Flora MacNichol vows she will never marry. She is happy in her home in England's picturesque Lake District-just a stone's throw away from her childhood idol, Beatrix Potter. But when circumstances carry her to London, and into the home of one of Edwardian England's most notorious society hostesses, Alice Keppel, she finds herself a pawn in a larger game; forced to choose between passionate love and duty to her family. That is, until a meeting with a mysterious gentleman reveals answers Flora has been searching for... Star's voyage of discovery takes her deep into Flora's remarkable story, and into her own past. But the more she uncovers, the more Star begins to question herself, and her place in the world. Ideal for fans of *Downton Abbey* and the historical fiction of Kate Morton and Kristin Hannah, *The Shadow Sister* is the "perfect curl-up-in-an-armchair read" (Daily Mail) for anyone who wants to travel through the lush English countryside and explore the lives and loves of the British aristocracy.

**The Good Earth** Pearl S. Buck 1999-10-01 A Chinese peasant overcomes the forces of nature and the frailties of human nature to become a wealthy landowner.

*War and Peace* Leo Tolstoy 2019-01-16 Hailed as one of the greatest novels of all time and a classic of world literature, *War and Peace* is a tale of strivers in a world fraught with conflict, social and political change, and spiritual confusion, Tolstoy's magnificent work continues to entertain, enlighten, and inspire readers around the world. Both an intimate study of individual passions and an epic history of Russia and its people, 'War and Peace' is nothing more

or less than a complete portrait of human existence. Among its many unforgettable characters is Prince Andrey Bolkonsky, a proud, dashing man who, despising the artifice of high society, joins the army to achieve glory. Badly wounded at Austerlitz, he begins to discover the emptiness of everything to which he has devoted himself. His death scene is considered one of the greatest passages in Russian literature. Terror swiftly engulfs the country as Napoleon's army marches on Russia, and the lives of three young people are changed forever. The stories of quixotic Pierre, cynical Andrey and impetuous Natasha interweave with a huge cast, from aristocrats and peasants, to soldiers and Napoleon himself. In *War and Peace* (1868-9), Tolstoy entwines grand themes—conflict and love, birth and death, free will and fate.

*Wicked Pleasures* Penny Vincenzi 2012-09-27 None of them are the children of Alexander, Earl of Caterham, who was married to their mother for almost twenty years. A family saga that takes the reader right from the 1950s to the end of the twentieth century, and set between the Hamptons summer homes of New York's elite and the English countryside familiar to any fan of British period drama, it's a tale of the power and greed of the mega-rich, as the great banking business upon which the family's fortunes are won and lost comes to the brink of ruin. Intense relationships, both old and new, are tested to the utmost in this grand and unputdownable summer read.